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of coagulation-reactive drugs for the experimental therapy of gliomas. Numerous reactants familiar to students of blood coagulation have been shown to contribute to neoplastic proliferation, invasion and metastasis. Recently, considerable progress has been made in demonstrating the ability of drugs capable of inhibiting these reactants to alter cancer progression. Biological features of gliomas within the realm of blood coagulation suggest that clinical trials of such drugs warrant consideration. This approach offers the prospect of a novel treatment for this devastating tumour type that does not share the toxicities of conventional cancer therapies.

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Thrombin activatable fibrinolysis inhibitor (TAFI) is a carboxypeptidase ΑB B-like proenzyme, that after activation down regulates fibrinolysis. TAFI is activated by thrombin in the presence of the cofactor thrombomodulin (TM). By stimulation of TAFI activation TM down regulates fibrinolysis, however TM is also a cofactor in the activation of protein C. Activated protein C (APC) can up regulate fibrinolysis by limiting the activation of TAFI via the attenuation of thrombin production. We studied these counteracting fibrinolytic properties of TM in plasma by measuring the activation of TAFI during tissue factor induced coagulation. TAFI activation was stimulated at low concentrations of TM but decreased at higher concentrations of TM. Similarly, the clot lysis times increased at low concentrations of TM but decreased at higher concentrations of TM. The reduction of TAFI activation at high TM concentrations was found to be dependent on a functional protein C pathway. The concentration of TM is therefore an important factor in the regulation of TAFI activation and in the regulation of fibrinolysis. High concentrations of TM result in up regulation of fibrinolysis, whereas low concentrations of TM have a down regulatory effect on fibrinolysis. These results suggest that fibrinolysis might be differentially regulated by TM in different parts of the body depending on the local TM concentration in the vasculature.

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The effect of the Arg.sup.5.sup.0.sup.6 → Gln mutation in factor V(LEIDEN) on thrombin generation was evaluated in a reconstituted system using the purified components of the tissue factor (TF) pathway to thrombin and the components of the protein C pathway. Recombinant full-length tissue factor pathway inhibitor (RTFPI) was included in the system because of a previously observed synergistic inhibitory effect of TFPI and the protein C pathway on TF-initiated thrombin generation. Thrombin generation initiated by 1.25 pM factor VIIa-TF in the absence of the protein C pathway components occurs following an initiation phase, after which prothrombin is quantitatively converted to 1.4  $\mu M$  thrombin. The factor V(LEIDEN) mutation did not influence thrombin generation in the reconstituted model in the absence of the protein C pathway. In the presence of 2.5 nM TFPI, 65 nM protein C, and 10 nM recombinant soluble thrombomodulin (Tm), thrombin generation catalyzed by normal factor V was abolished after the initial formation of 25 nM thrombin. In contrast, persistent thrombin generation was observed in the presence of factor V(LEIDEN) in the same system, although the rate of thrombin generation was slower compared with the reaction without protein C and Tm. The rate of thrombin generation with factor V(LEIDEN) increased with time and ultimately resulted in quantitative prothrombin activation. When the TFPI concentration was reduced to 1.25 nM, thrombin generation is still curtailed in the presence of normal factor V. In contrast, under similar conditions using factor V(LEIDEN), the protein C pathway totally failed to down-regulate thrombin generation. The dramatic effect of a 50% reduction in TFPI concentration on the inhibitory potential of the protein C pathway on thrombin generation catalyzed by factor V(LEIDEN) suggests that the observed synergy between TFPI and the protein C pathway is directly governed by the TFPI concentration and by cleavage of the factor Va heavy chain at Arg.sup.5.sup.0.sup.6. This cleavage appears to have a dramatic regulatory effect in the presence of low concentrations of TFPI. Markedly increased thrombin generation in the presence of both 1.25 nM TFPI and factor V(LEIDEN) was also observed when antithrombin-III was added to the system to complete the natural set of coagulation inhibitors. Protein S (300 nM) had a minimal effect in the model on the inhibition of thrombin generation by protein C, Tm, and TFPI, with either normal factor V or factor V(LEIDEN). Protein S also failed to significantly potentiate the action of the protein C pathway in the presence of antithrombin-III in reactions employing normal factor V or factor V(LEIDEN). The absence of an effect of protein S in the model, which employs saturating concentrations of phospholipid, suggests that the reported interactions of protein S with coagulation factors are not decisive in the reaction. Altogether the data predict that TFPI levels in the lower range of normal values are a risk factor for thrombosis when combined with the Arg.sup.5.sup.0.sup.6 → Gln mutation in factor V(LEIDEN).

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TITLE:
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AUTHOR:
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Inhibition of thrombin generation by protein S at low TITLE (IN ENGLISH):

procoagulant stimuli: implications for maintenance of

the hemostatic balance

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The activated protein C (APC)-independent anticoagulant activity of

protein S on tissue factor-induced thrombin

generation was quantified in plasma. In absence of APC, protein S significantly decreased the endogenous thrombin potential (ETP) in a concentration-dependent manner. The APC-Independent anticoagulant activity of protein S in plasma was not affected by phospholipid concentrations but strongly depended on tissue factor

concentrations: protein S inhibited the ETP from 6% at 140 pM tissue factor to 74% at 1.4 pM tissue

factor. Plasma with both 60% protein S and 140% prothrombin showed an ETP of 240% compared to normal plasma, suggesting an APC-independent protective role of protein S in the development of thrombosis as a result of protein S deficiency and the prothrombin-G20210A mutation. At high tissue-factor

concentrations, protein S hardly expressed APC-independent anticoagulant activity but exerted potent APC-cofactor activity when thrombomodulin or APC were added to plasma. Neutralization of protein S under these conditions resulted in a 20-fold reduction of the

anticoagulant activity of APC. The present study shows that protein S effectively regulates coagulation at 2 levels: at low

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Thrombomodulin and tissue-factor activities AB were measured on the surface of confluent human saphenous-vein

endothelial cells (HSVEC) cultivated in 96-multiwell plates. Thrombomodulin activity was measured in the presence of purified human thrombin (2.2 nM) and protein C (65 nM). Tissuefactor activity was measured with purified human Factor VII (5 nM) and Factor X (400 nM). Generated activated protein C and Factor Xa released in the supernatant were assayed with chromogenic substrates. Resting cells exhibited significant thrombomodulin activity, but no detectable tissue factor activity. After 4 h

of preincubation with tumour necrosis factor (TNF, 22-2200 pM), interleukin-1 (IL-1, 5.7-570 nM) or phorbol myristate acetate (PMA, 1.61-161 nM) there was an increase in tissue-factor activity and a concomitant decrease in thrombomodulin activity. However, the extent of both responses varied according to the nature of the stimulus. Thrombin (0.44-44 nM) also induced an increase in tissue-factor activity, but had no effect on thrombomodulin activity. Kinetic studies showed that for all stimuli the increase in tissue factor was transient, reaching a maximum after 4-8 h of preincubation with the stimulating agent and returning to normal values after 24 h. IL-1 and TNF induced a time-dependent decrease in thrombomodulin, by respectively 47% and 67% of control values after 24 h. However, PMA induced only a transient down-regulation of thrombomodulin, full activity being recovered after 18 h. Hence this simultaneous assay system, using intact HSVEC and purified human coagulation factors, enabled us to observe that the regulation of thrombin generation could be diversely affected by various substances known to stimulate the endothelium. This suggests that the simultaneous and opposite modulation of these proteins does not represent an unified response of the endothelial cells to procoagulant stimuli. These results also confirm the absence of effect of thrombin on the expression of thrombomodulin on the cell surface.